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August 21, 2006

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street, First Floor Kekuanaoa Building Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Subject:

Docket No. 05-0315

HELCO Rate Case Stipulated Prehearing Order

On August 1, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 22663 ("Order") which directed Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO"), the Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), Keahole Defense Coalition, Inc. ("KDC") and Rocky Mountain Institute ("RMI")¹ to submit a stipulated prehearing order, incorporating their agreed-upon issues, procedures, and schedule, within 15 days from the date of the Order.²

Due to a heavy regulatory workload, more time is needed to address this requirement.³ HELCO is in the process of developing a draft stipulated prehearing order for the parties and participants to review. Thus, HELCO respectfully requests an extension until September 8, 2006 to submit a stipulated prehearing order.

¹ HELCO and the Consumer Advocate are parties in this proceeding. Order No. 22663 granted KDC and RMI participant status limited to certain issues as specified in the Order.

² Fifteen days from August 1, 2006 is August 16, 2006. Since the order was served by mail, two days are added to the prescribed period, pursuant to §6-61-21(e) of the Hawaii Administrative Rules. Since August 18 is a holiday, the date of filing is the next working day, August 21, 2006.

For example, Docket Nos. 05-0069 (Energy Efficiency proceeding), 03-0372 (Competitive Bidding), 05-0145 (HECO CIP Generating Station), and 05-0146 (Community Benefits Package).

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The Consumer Advocate and KDC do not object to this request. HELCO was not able to reach RMI about this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy Keahole Defense Coalition, Inc. Rocky Mountain Institute

